

LESSONS THIS QUARTER

- 1) 07 Mar 2021..... Luke 10-13..... Neighbors?
- 2) 14 Mar..... Luke 14-16..... Celebrate?
- 3) 21 Mar..... Luke 17-18..... Worthy?
- 4) 28 Mar..... Luke 19:28-48..... Worshipped
- 5) 04 Apr (Easter)..... Luke 24:1-12..... Resurrected
- 6) 11 Apr..... Luke 19:1-27..... Sinners?**
- 7) 18 Apr..... Luke 20-21..... Cornerstone
- 8) 25 Apr..... Luke 22:1-30..... Remembered
- 9) 02 May..... Luke 22:31-53..... Willing
- 10) 09 May..... Luke 22:54-71..... Denied
- 11) 16 May..... Luke 23..... Sacrificed
- 12) 23 May..... Luke 24:13-35..... Revealed
- 13) 30 May..... Luke 24:36-53..... Commissions

INTRODUCTION

- We should live in such a way so we can eventually hear those precious words from God, *“Well done, thou good and faithful servant: You have been faithful over a few things, I will make you a ruler over many things, so enter into the joy of the Lord”*..... [Matthew 5:21](#)

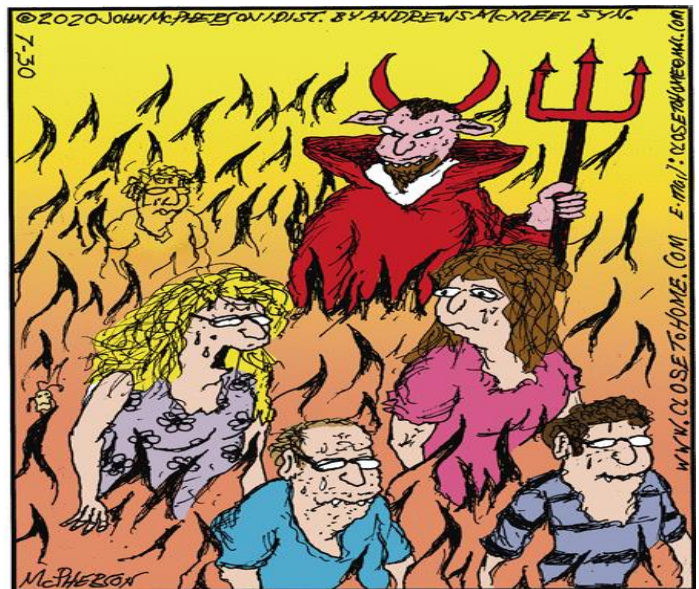
Passage	Comments
Historical Notes on Jericho	<p>In the OT, Jericho is mentioned 53 times, predominantly in Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Joshua where it was recorded being abolished “by faith” after the Israelites marched around it for 7 days.....Heb 11:30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jericho, of Canaanite descent, was to be “utterly destroyed” by God’s direct command.....Deut 20:17 • The only survivors were Rahab & her family.....Jos 6:25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Recall that Rahab (a convert) was King David’s great-great-grandmother Mat 1:5 • Jericho was eventually rebuilt by Hiel the Bethelite, with the apparent sacrifice of 2 sons (1Kings 16:34); and this was prophesied by Joshua (Josh 6:26) <p>In the NT, Jericho played a small role in Jesus’ travels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mat 20:29-34; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 18:35-43. A large crowd followed Jesus in and out of Jericho and they witnessed Him healing several blind men, one of them being Bartimaeus • Luke 10:30-37. Jesus used Jericho to set the stage for the Good Samaritan parable • Luke 19:1-10. And we are introduced to Zacchaeus as Jesus was passing through Jericho
19:1-10	<p>Jesus Visits Zacchaeus in Jericho</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • vv1-3. Zacchaeus was presumably very wealthy since he was a chief tax collector – possibly a millionaire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Recall the rich young ruler in Luke 18:18-25 who also expressed interest in Jesus, but who seemed to prefer to hang on to his wealth instead of Jesus ♦ Jesus’ response was, “It is hard for the wealthy to enter the Kingdom of God” Luke 18:24 • vv3-6. Zacchaeus, like the rich young ruler, sought to hear and see and know more about Jesus <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Jesus’ reputation was renowned by this time. Recall Jesus couldn’t even finish a meal (Mark 3:20) or even find time to eat (Mark 6:31) since multitudes were constantly seeking wonders from Him ♦ Zacchaeus didn’t have any sickness or sick relatives to see Jesus about, so what would draw someone to Christ if they didn’t need a supernatural miracle? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Simple curiosity? <input type="checkbox"/> God’s drawing? <input type="checkbox"/> Other? • vv7-10. Being a tax collector, Zacchaeus was seen as a despicable sinner. So, why would Jesus eat with a sinner when His Word conveys the righteous should avoid fellowshiping with sinners Ps 1:1; 26:4-5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Zacchaeus was a repentant sinner, and he was willing to make amends for any wrong done by him, though he was not required to give everything away

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19:11-27	<p>Parable of the 10 Minas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reason for Parable: Jesus conveyed we are in training for what we will possibly be doing once we get to Glory – either ruling little or ruling much – so, learn well • Question #1? If we rule 10 cities once we get to Heaven, will we always rule those same 10 cities? • Answer #1. We will always be in learning mode throughout eternity since God is unfathomable, so at least we will become better rulers for those 10 cities • Question #2? Will there be room for advancement? • Answer #2. We have yet to see or perceive what God has prepared for those who love Him 1Cor 2:9 • Question #3? What if we squander what God has given to us in this life? • Answer #3? We are all held accountable. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ For unbelievers, it looks like they will be accountable for their performance, be it good or bad, as they suffer in torment for all eternity (Rev 20:10), either receiving few or many stripes (Luke 12:47-48) ♦ For believers, Jesus comes to render rewards to everyone for their behavior and accomplishments in this life (Rev 22:12). Fortunately, if a believer, like the thief on the cross, has only 1 work to show for all eternity (belief in Jesus Christ, John 6:30), they will suffer loss of rewards, but they will be Heaven-bound (1Cor 3:15), and will probably be under the rule of a more faithful saint – such as their spouse 😊

CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS

- How faithful are we in our service to the Lord and to His people?
- Are we diligent saints or lazy saints?
- Fortunately, if we only give a cup of cold water to refresh someone, we will receive a reward [Mat 10:42](#)
- So, obedience to God’s word is key to rewards, for all that matters in life is keeping God’s commandments, not in a pharisaical or legalistic way, but out of love for God and His people [1Cor 7:19](#)

NEXT WEEK: Luke 20-21. Scripture says we are to give to whosoever asks something of us. So, why did Jesus not give the scribes the simple answer they were looking for?



“FRANKLY, THIS IS A PIECE OF CAKE FOR ME. I WAS A SUBSTITUTE TEACHER AT A JUNIOR HIGH FOR 22 YRS”